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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL CALLS ON GOVERNING MAYOR

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1. SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV ACCOMPANIED BY THREE CONSULS CALLED ON GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ AT SCHOENEBERG RATHAUS SEPTEMBER 28 FOLLOWING REFTEL SCENARIO. AFTER MEETING, SHARKOV TOLD PRESS THAT ATMOSPHERE WAS POSITIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE, AND THAT HE AND SCHUETZ DISCUSSED POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND WEST BERLIN. SHARKOV HANDLED QUESTIONS ABOUT FRG FLAG BY SAYING THAT PROCEDURE IN CALL WAS AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE WITH SENAT.

2. ONLY UNTOWARD INCIDENTS WERE ANONYMOUS BOMB THREAT FEW HOURS BEFORE MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION BY SMALL GROUP FROM JUNGE UNION AND JEWISH GROUP OUTSIDE RATHAUS. PRESS, AS EXPECTED, WAS OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS TO COVER VISIT.

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3. PETER HERZ, SENAT CHANCELLERY HEAD, TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT BULK OF SHARKOV-SCHUETZ EXCHANGE CONCERNED POSSIBLE SOVIET CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN WEST BERLIN. HERZ AND OTHER SENAT OFFICIALS PORTRAYED SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL AS COMPETITOR OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN AND CLAIMED NOW THAT SHARKOV HAD CALLED ON SCHUETZ, SENAT WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO FEND OFF SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE CASE OF TRIUMPH OF HOPE OVER EXPERIENCE; HERZ HAS APPOINTMENT WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR BELETSKIY OCTOBER 1. KLEIN

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